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Office Action Summary

Application No.

09/898,844

Applicant(s)

HESSELL ET AL.

Examiner

Walter D. Griffin

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 January 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 3,5,16,18,20,22,24,26 and 27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 3,5,16,18,20,22,24,26 and 27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☒ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

The objections to the disclosure and to claim 2 as described in the office action mailed on June 17, 2004 are withdrawn in view of the amendment filed on January 31, 2005. Also, the rejections under 35 USC 112, 102, and 103 as described in the office action are withdrawn in view of the amendment and remarks contain therein and in view of the 132 Declaration filed on December 16, 2004. The reference to Moore et al. (US 2,816,868) does not disclose or suggest the claimed combination of base oil and alkylated naphthalene wherein the alkylate moiety is a C₆ to C₃₀ alkyl chain. Additionally, the declaration provides data showing that the claimed composition has superior, unexpected properties as compared to the compositions of Moore.

New rejections follow.

Oath/Declaration

The signed oath/declaration appears to be missing from the application file. The examiner requests that applicants resubmit the declaration/oath.

It is noted that applicants state, in the remarks filed on December 16, 2004, that a copy of the signed declaration is attached. However, the examiner cannot locate the copy in the file.

Claim Objections

Claim 22 is objected to because of the following informalities: Claim 22 is missing a word or words after the word "is". Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Claims 3, 5, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yoshida et al. (US 4,714,794).

The Yoshida reference discloses a composition that comprises C₆-C₂₄ alkyl naphthalenes. These naphthalenes are mixed with known lubricating oils. The composition may contain up to 75% by weight of the lubricating oil. Additives such as those in claim 5 may also be present in the composition. See column 2, lines 18-27; column 3, lines 56-68; and column 4, lines 13-25.

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The Yoshida reference does not disclose that the lubricating oil component of the composition mixture is a Group III base oil.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified the composition of Yoshida by utilizing a Group III base oil in the composition because such base oils, as evidenced by applicant's own specification, are known lubricating oils. Therefore, one would expect to produce an effective lubricating oil composition by using a Group III base oil in the composition of Yoshida because Yoshida suggests that any lubricating oil can obtain the benefit of high oxidation stability when mixed with alkylated naphthalenes.

In regard to specific claimed alkyl groups, if Yoshida does not disclose the claimed chain lengths, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified the composition of Yoshida by utilizing alkyl groups having the chain lengths and/or being derived as claimed because the claimed alkyl chain lengths fall within the range disclosed by Yoshida and, therefore, would be expected to be effective in the composition Yoshida.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The prior art not relied upon discloses mineral oil compositions.

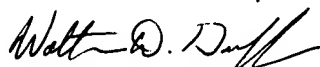
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Walter D. Griffin whose telephone number is (571) 272-1447.

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The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 6:30 to 4:00 with alternate Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glenn Caldarola can be reached on (571) 272-1444. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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